

and an economic survey so that the people of Kuttanad may be benefited by the economic survey. I understand that the Madras Government has appointed a committee and the Government may be benefited by the recommendations of the Madras Committee.

PRESIDENT: Government probably await the report of such bodies in other places.

As regards the Alleppey-Changanachery canal, the first two sections have been completed and the third section is engaging the attention of the Chief Engineer.

As regards the exemption of small boats from the operation of the rules, under the Canals and Ferries Regulation, the Dewan has, as you said, given a sympathetic consideration to the question and the amendments to the rules are being considered by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil.

I do not find the restriction of the number of toddy shops in the agenda. The matter will be referred to the Excise Commissioner.

88. The needs of Ambalapuzha.

MR. K. T. RAPHAEL (*Member, Ambalapuzha taluk, Group II*) spoke on the following needs of Ambalapuzha :—

The Thumpolli road should be repaired. A road should be opened between the Alleppey-Shertallai road and the beach *via* Poonkavu market. The Thathampalli road should be gravelled and maintained. The Alleppey-Pulayanvazhi road should be extended to Punnappra. The Matayan todū should be completed and extended up to the beach. The Alleppey-Shertallai canal should be extended up to Kalavur. The Alleppey-Changanachery canal should be opened. The Kuravan todū should be re-opened. Arrangements should be made for water-supply in Alleppey. Manure depots should be established at Mararikulam and Omanapuzha. The Kalavur dispensary should be converted into a hospital.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Raphael, I find that the Thumpolli road has been opened and gravelled by the ryots. Government can take up the maintenance of the road only after the road is handed over to Government. The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has been asked to acquire the land and after this is done Government will maintain the road. As regards a road between the Alleppey-Shertallai road and the beach *via* Poonkavu market, the Chief Engineer has got an estimate ready and orders will be passed on it soon. As regards the Thathampalli road, it is a road that has been opened by the Alleppey municipality, and that body should maintain it. Quite recently the municipality have addressed the Government asking them to take back all the roads handed over to the municipality. The subject is engaging the attention of Government.

As for the extension of the Alleppey-Pulayanvazhi road to Punnappra, there is already a road connecting the place and the road you ask

for will mean a parallel road within a very short distance. The Chief Engineer considers that there is no justification for any expenditure on such a road.

The Chief Engineer's opinion is that the extension of the Matayan todu is not necessary as the expenditure to be incurred on it will be out of all proportion to the benefit that will be derived. In regard to the extension of the Alleppey-Shertallai canal up to Kalavur, the locality is being improved by a network of roads and the Chief Engineer considers that in these circumstances the extension of the canal is unnecessary. I have already replied to the member who last spoke as to the opening of the Alleppey-Changanachery canal. The Chief Engineer has not investigated the matter of re-opening the Kuravan tod. He will look into it.

In regard to water-supply in Alleppey, the Chief Engineer has sent to Government two alternative schemes. According to both the schemes, water will have to be taken from the eastern side of the back-water. The Alleppey Municipal President has suggested an alternative scheme. His scheme also is forwarded to the Chief Engineer. All the schemes are under consideration and a decision will be arrived at soon.

Regarding manure depots the policy of the Agricultural Department has been not to sell manure direct but to have agencies and pay them commissions. So if private people apply to Government for the opening of depots in these places, their applications will receive the sympathetic consideration of Government.

It is only a few months since the Kalavur dispensary was opened. Of course, it is in a building owned by the people. The question of expanding it will have to wait. It is not a matter which Dr. Raman Tampi considers as very urgent, because in these days of motor traffic the big hospital close by is easily accessible.

89. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk.

MR. ANTONY VARGHESE (*Member, Changanachery taluk, Group I*) spoke on the following needs of the Changanachery taluk:—

The English Middle School at Kanjirapally should be raised to the High School grade. There were no fewer than six Middle Schools within seven or eight miles of Kanjirapally; but there was no High School anywhere in the area, in fact not one between Kottayam and the eastern frontier. The need for a High School at Kanjirapally was brought to the notice of Government at the last session of the Assembly, when Government stated in reply that they would consider the question if the local people would provide a building for the school. But most of the inhabitants were poor people, who could not afford to incur the cost of a big building. Government should therefore reconsider their order. It was understood that the present Middle School building was to be shortly re-built. If along with that some more money was spent the building could be made spacious enough for a High School.

The Kanjirapally-Erumeli road should be metalled and a bridge should be built where the road crossed the Manimala river.